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SENATOR MARSH: I only had 30 votes when it passed on this floor. We need 33 so it can have the emergency clause. This has the effect of removing 1 million dollars cost from this budget bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Marsh, it looks like literally we are surrendering everything in the bill except the fact that we would still have it on the books, that we could give the raise as of July 1. Is there anything else that you can see is left in the bill?

SENATOR MARSH: I can see that it is an advantage if your anniversary date happens to be June 1st that you will have your increase eleven months sooner than you normally would than the plan which the Governor has proposed.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right, that is the only thing that we are actually accomplishing under the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: It also has the merit study which I feel is vital. If we are going to move that direction in a year, then we need to have the language in our statutes saying that we want this and that we will work towards it. We then have a year of study of computation of tax and figures and the mandate to the department of personnel to bring those figures in for the appropriations committee for the Governor so that we have the needed information a year from now when we will also have a better look at our financial situation in this state.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Simpson and the Chair also reminds the body that the debate should be confined to returning it. If that is successful it can be debated at great length upon return. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to oppose bringing the bill back. I think that if we bring it back we will have another problem. It would seem to me that what would be left if we would bring it back and strike it as asked that we could do exactly this in each individual budget bill by language. I'm sure that the appropriations committee would be willing to do it so I think we should leave the bill there and let it live or die with the Governor and then go back to our budget bill if it dies.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Not to touch on the merits of the bill at all, and I hope that the members will listen to what I suggest. If you are going to support this bill all the way through, it did have 30 votes and that is enough to over ride a veto, but we know what does happen. If you are going to stick with the bill and over ride a veto, that is what I think your vote should be this morning. If 30 people vote not to return it, that means 30 are going to vote to override the Governor. Again I know that there is no way to bind anybodys vote today as to reference as to how they will vote in the future, but it